

Organization of the Board of Information

Article 1

The Board of Information shall be under the jurisdiction of the Prime Minister and take charge of affairs concerning the following matters:

1. Collection of information, reporting, enlightenment and publicity concerning matters which are the fundamentals of the prosecution of national policies.
2. Dispositions in respect of newspapers and other publications as provided for in Article 20 of the National Mobilization Law.
3. Guidance and control in respect of broadcasting by telephone.
4. Such guidance and control of motion-pictures, phonograph records, plays and shows as are necessary for the enlightenment and publicity concerning matters which are fundamentals of the prosecution of national policies.

The Board of Information may, if necessary for the execution of the affairs mentioned in the preceding Paragraph, request the Government offices concerned to extend their cooperation in connection with the collection of information, reporting, enlightenment and publicity.

Article 2.

There shall be appointed the following personnel in the Board of Information:

President		"Shinnin"
Vice President	one	"Chokunin"
Private Secretary	full-time: one	"Sonin"
Information Officers (<u>Johokan</u>)		"Sonin"; five of them may be of "Chokunin" rank.
Clerks (<u>Zoku</u>)	full-time: eighty-nine	"Hannin"
Assistant Technical Experts (Gite)	full-time: one	"Hannin"

Article 3.

In addition to the personnel mentioned in the preceding Article, the Cabinet may appoint Information Officers (Johokan) from among higher officials (Kotokan) of the Government offices concerned in accordance with the recommendation to the Throne by the Prime Minister.

Article 4.

There shall be instituted in the Board of Information the Secretariat of the President and five Divisions.

The office of the Director of each Division shall be occupied by an Information Officer (Johokan) of "Chokunin" rank.

The assignment of routine affairs to the Secretarist of the President and each Division shall be stipulated by the Prime Minister.

Article 5.

There shall be instituted in the Board of Information not more than fifteen Councillors (Sanyo), who shall be caused to participate in the affairs of the Board.

Councillors (Sanyo) shall be appointed by the Cabinet from among learned and experienced persons in accordance with the recommendation to the Throne by the Prime Minister.

Councillors (Sanyo) shall be accorded the treatment of the official of "Chokunin" rank, provided, however, that those who hold a proper official post shall be accorded the treatment due to such post.

The term of office of Councillors (Sanyo) shall be two years. However, they may be relieved of office during the term of office if there is an especial reason.

Article 6.

The President shall superintend the affairs of the Board, direct and supervise the personnel under him and

decide independently upon the appointment, promotion, demotion and dismissal of Clerks (Zoku).

Article 7.

The Vice President shall assist the President and control the affairs of the Board.

Article 8.

The Private Secretary shall take charge of confidential matters by order of the President.

Article 9.

Information Officers (Johokan) shall take charge of routine affairs by order of their superiors.

Article 10.

Clerks (Zoku) shall be engaged in miscellaneous affairs under the direction of their superiors.

Article 11.

The Assistant Technical Expert (Gite) shall be engaged in technical matters under the direction of his superiors.

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The present Ordinance shall be enforced as from the date of promulgation.

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